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NA stamps approval on 27th Amendment

• 234 votes polled in favour, four against it by JUI-F members amid opposition boycott as PTI stages walkout
• Senate to vote on bill again after some changes
• Bilawal says amendment to fulfil 'Charter of Democracy' promises, vows no harm to 18th Amendment
• Achakzai, Gohar assail 'undemocratic' changes as PTI terms bill 'death' of 1973 Constitution

By Syed Irfan Raza

ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly on Wednesday passed the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill in a session marred by noisy protests and a walkout by the opposition lawmakers, who took exception to the amendments, describing them as "undemocratic".

The bill had 59 clauses and eight were changed in the final draft tabled before the lower house of parliament. The draft was slightly different from the one passed by the Senate on Monday. The fresh changes, mostly related to the chief justice of Pakistan, were introduced in the bill by Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar.

In the house of 336 members, 224 votes were required to meet the mandatory two-thirds majority for the passage of the bill. The ruling lawmakers cast 234 votes in its favour, while four votes were polled against the bill by the Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam (JUI-F) members. The JUI-F has 10 MNAs, but only four attended the sitting. The PTI members, meanwhile, boycotted the process by staging a walkout.

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At the outset, the house proceedings moved forward smoothly, and several MNAs, including PPP chief Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari and opposition alliance leader Mehmood Khan Achakzai, spoke

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PRIME Minister Shehbaz Sharif with his brother Nawaz Sharif in a session of the National Assembly.—APP

PM blames Kabul-Delhi nexus for surge in terrorist attacks

• Warns enemies of 'befitting response' to their actions • Reminds Afghan Taliban of responsibility to stop act of terrorism from soil of Afghanistan • Dar affirms Pakistan's commitment to dialogue

By Bakhtawar Mian

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday accused Afghanistan and India of involvement in recent terrorism, vowing a "befitting response" to the nation's enemies following a suicide blast in the capital and an attempted attack that he said was reminiscent of the 2014 APS massacre.

"It is no more a secret that an external hand is visible [in attacks in Pakistan]", PM Shehbaz said during his address to the National Assembly following the passage of the controversial 27th Constitutional Amendment.

He also condemned what he called a "dastardly" attempt by terrorists to carry out an incident in Wana, South Waziristan.

"It could have been a worst attack than APS [Army Public School carnage], if it would have not been averted by the armed forces," PM said, revealing that one of the terrorists killed by security forces in the operation has been identified as an Afghan national.

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"These khawarij, in which unfortunately Afghans were also involved, were all sent to hell and all cadets, students and teachers were safely rescued," the prime minister said.

Referring to a previous statement where he blamed the "Fitna al-Khawarij" and said "footprints of Afghanistan are also seen" alongside Indian involvement, the prime minister pointed out that though India denied the claims, the evidence suggests otherwise.

"I don't need to say a lot. The terrorists who abducted a train in Balochistan, the Jaffer Express, we brought its evidence before the whole world how TTP and BLA were active from Afghanistan and were in contact with terrorists there and also with their supporters in India," he stated.

"We presented these facts before the whole world and no one challenged or rebutted them," he added.

PM Shehbaz said the notion that Pakistan's enemies were not involved in the attacks was "akin to calling day as night and vice versa." He issued a stern warning directly to those responsible.

"I want to say something with

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Crisis averted as SL team stay put, PCB revises tour schedule

By Kashif Abbasi

ISLAMABAD: Sri Lanka tour of Pakistan will proceed, the visiting team's cricket board said late Wednesday night, as a crisis-like situation was averted with the team's manager eventually dismissing reports about some players returning home in the wake of the suicide bombing in the federal capital.

Meanwhile, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) rescheduled the remaining ODIs and shifted the T20I tri-nation tournament, also featuring Zimbabwe, to Rawalpindi from Lahore.

The PCB moved the second and third ODIs to Nov 14 and 16 at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium. The entire T20I Tri-Nation Tournament will now also be held in Rawalpindi, starting from Nov 18 and the final on Nov 29.

According to the PCB, the decision was made in consultation with Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) and Zimbabwe Cricket following mutual discussions to accommodate operational and match requirements.

The PCB hoped that the

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Air on CJP title cleared

• Justice Afridi to retain designation during his term in office • After his retirement, title will pass to senior among chief justices of FCC, SC

By Nasir Iqbal in Islamabad

THE last-minute change in the 27th Amendment, passed by the National Assembly on Wednesday and then transmitted back to the Senate for re-legislation, has cleared the raging question: will the coveted title of the Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) feather the cap of the chief justice of the Federal Constitutional Court (FCC) or that of the Supreme Court of Pakistan (SCP)?

Ever since the constitutional amendment was tabled before the Senate for final approval, questions have been raised as to who will retain the title of CJP — the chief justice of the FCC or that of SCP.

But substitution in Clause 23 of Article 176 cleared the puzzle, explaining that the incumbent Supreme Court chief justice, who happens to be Justice Yahya Afridi, will continue to hold the title of CJP during his term in office. CJP Afridi was sworn in as the 30th CJP in

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KP CM demands 'policy shift' in counterterrorism decisions

• Says Centre must take all stakeholders in province on board • Peace jirga asks federal govt to prioritise talks with Afghanistan • Seeks reopening of all trade routes with eastern neighbour

By Umer Farooq

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Chief Minister Sohail Afridi on Wednesday called for a "shift" in the federal government's counterterrorism policies and urged the adoption of long-term solutions through consultation with all stakeholders in the province to eradicate militancy from the region once and for all.

"The Pak-Afghan relations have a direct impact on Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as we share almost everything in common with the people of Afghanistan," Mr Afridi said while addressing a peace jirga organised here by his government that brought together stakeholders from across the province.

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The peace jirga, chaired by KP Assembly Speaker Babar Saleem Swati, unanimously demanded that the federal government prioritise negotiations with Afghanistan while consulting the KP government in shaping Afghan policy.

It also demanded a provincial action plan, reopening of all trade routes with Afghanistan, and also reducing tensions between the KP and federal governments.

The jirga was organised following a decision made during the second meeting of the special parliamentary committee.

The special house committee had been formed after almost two months of debate in the KP Assembly, where lawmakers debated the deteriorating law and order situation in the province.

The KP chief minister said that the provincial leadership had been repeatedly calling for peace in the province but some people opposed it.

He urged policymakers to recognise the intelligence and wisdom of other individuals and include them in the decision-making process.

The KP CM said that the security forces, whether the army, police, or the counterterrorism

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Motorcyclist picked up for capital blast investigations

By Munawer Azeem

ISLAMABAD: As investigations into a bomb blast outside the judicial complex in Islamabad inched forward, the investigators on Wednesday detained a bike rider of an online ride-hailing platform, who had dropped off the bomber outside at the location.

A police official said the bomber had paid the fare to the bike rider against the ride, adding that he was traced and identified through the CCTV footage. After his location was traced, the police picked him up and shifted him to an installation where he was being kept under protective custody. The official said the suicide bomber had hailed a ride from Chongi No.26 to the judicial complex.

After he arrived there, he had made multiple attempts to enter the premises but could not get through due to security measures. He roamed in the area for about 15 minutes but did not cross the road adjacent to the complex. However, he blew himself up after a

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IMF set to okay $1.2bn for Pakistan

The International Monetary Fund's executive board is set to approve a $1.2 billion disbursement to Pakistan at a meeting on Dec 8. Before the payment, Islamabad is expected to publish a long-delayed governance and corruption report, a key condition of its loan programmes. The funds include $1 billion from the Extended Fund Facility and $200 million from the Resilience and Sustainability Fund.
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